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CHEROKEE FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONTINUING EXCHANGE WITH SILBERMAN

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1. MY PATIENCE IS WEARING VERY THIN. I AM REPEATING
BELOW A MESSAGE I RECEIVED TODAY FROM SILBERMAN AND
MY DRAFT REPLY TO
HIM ON THE QUESTION OF THE BINDER STORY. AS YOU WELL
KNOW EUR HAS BEHAVED WITH MOST EXTRAORDINARY DISCIPLINE
DESPITE THE EXTREME PROVOCATION. TWO PEOPLE IN EUR KNEW
OF THE BINDER STORY, REFUSED TO COMMENT IN ANY WAY AND
REFERRED THE MATTER TO YOU. IF WE HAD WANTED TO BE
DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION WE COULD CERTAINLY HAVE CORRECTED
SEVERAL INACCURACIES BUT IT WOULD HAVE DRAWN US INTO A
DISCUSSION OF THE BROADER ISSUE AND WE KNEW THAT THE
SECRETARY DID NOT WISH FOR THIS FURTHER EXACERBATION OF
THE PROBLEM. I FEEL THAT YOUR MESSAGES PREVENT ME FROM
REPLYING ALONG THE LINES I HAD DRAFTED AND I AM FRANKLY
AT A LOSS TO KNOW WHAT TO DO AT THIS POINT. I CONSIDER
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HIS MESSAGE INSULTING AND UNCALLED FOR AND THE TIME WHEN I

FEEL I WILL HAVE TO REPLY IS FAST APPROACHING. NOVEMBER 2 SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME IN THE FUTURE WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE TIME AND AGGRAVATION OF THE DAILY EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES WITH THIS CHARACTER. I CERTAINLY DON'T WISH TO ADD TO YOUR OR THE SECRETARY'S BURDENS AT THIS

MOMENT BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE YOU MAY HAVE.

2. BEGIN TEXT A. REGARD COUNCIL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INCLUSION OF BINDER AND EXCLUSION OF MALCOLM BROWNE PARTICULARLY TROUBLING. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE WITH BROWNE'S REPORTING, HE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT UNRELENTING ATTACK HERE IN YUGOSLAVIA FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN HERE, AN ATTACK WHICH BINDER HAS CONTRIBUTED TO BY HIS COMMENTS BOTH TO THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY AND HERE IN YUGOSLAVIA LAST SUMMER.

B. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES GOY WILL DRAW APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS.

C. AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT I WAS DISHEARTENED BY BINDER PIECE WHICH YOU KNOW TO BE FALSE IN NUMEROUS RESPECTS. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE MADE CERTAIN THAT IF THE STORY WAS TO BE CARRIED, IT WOULD BE CORRECT. MY CONTEMPT FOR YOUR ASSOCIATES KNOWS NO BOUNDS. SILBERMAN END TEXT

3. DRAFT MESSAGE FROM HARTMAN TO SILBERMAN BEGIN TEXT

A. IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT MY PATIENCE WITH PARANOIA IS FAST RUNNING OUT.

B. YOUR IMPLIED CHARGE THAT I HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL GROUP IS TOTALLY FALSE.

C. ONE OF THE REASONS THERE WERE ERRORS IN THE BINDER PIECE IS THAT ALL OFFICERS IN EUR REFUSED TO TALK TO HIM. I HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT YOU DO NOT CORRECT ONE ERROR WITHOUT BEING DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF REMAINING TEXT. PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT AND I SHOULD
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HAVE MADE CERTAIN THAT THE PUBLIC GET THE FACTS--BEGINNING WITH YOUR COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED PUBLIC ATTACKS ON MY SUBORDINATES. UNLIKE YOU, MY ADMIRATION GROWS FOR THESE MEN WHO HAVE REMAINED SILENT OUT OF LOYALTY TO ME AND THEIR SUPERIORS WHILE UNDER A GROSSLY UNFAIR BARRAGE OF ABUSE. ROBINSON

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